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PROCEDURE FOR SELLING LAND TO STATE IN HUNGARY

To assure the uninterrupted completion of spring field work, land offered for sale to the state will not be accepted until 1 September 1953. In subsequent years such land may be accepted only between 1 August and 1 September and between 1 January and 1 February.

The owner may offer his land to the nearest local council. He must prove that his taxes are paid and that he has completed his delivery obligations. He must also state that he will perform the necessary field work until the sale becomes final and that he will plant all crops the community plan specifies. He must also submit a statement from a producers' cooperative or state farm expressing the desire to accept the land. Landowners who are also industrial workers or miners must certify that they have been employed at least 6 months.

The local council will consider the seller's offer and, if necessary, inspect the property at the seller's expense. The seller or his proxy must be present in person when the land is actually taken over. The local council will ascertain whether or not the seller has completed the required field work and produce deliveries and whether his tax payments are up to date.

The land of kulaks may be purchased only if it is required by the socialist sector.

After 1 September 1953, the purchase price of land will be 20 times the annual net cadastral income of the property in the case of landowners engaged exclusively in farming and 40 times the annual net cadastral income in the case of landowners who are also employed in mining or heavy industry. The purchase price will be paid in quarterly installments over a 2-year period. The seller's preferential tax rates and other concessions cease after completion of the sale. The owners or users of the land must report all changes in cultivation or in ownership to the local council within 15 days.

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The reserve lands acquired by the state through these purchases will be turned over to the producers' cooperatives for use free of charge. The Council of Ministers recommends that the producers' cooperatives accept the lands and put them under cultivation during the spring immediately following the sale. The producers' cooperatives need not plant industrial crops or crops requiring excessive care during the year following acquisition of the land. The lands will also be exempt from the compulsory delivery of livestock and animal products for the space of one agricultural year subsequent to their acquisition. Machine stations will give service priority to producers' cooperatives which have undertaken the cultivation of reserve lands.

To promote the cooperative movement, additional manpower for industry should be acquired primarily through contracts with the producers' cooperatives and recruitment of the families of working peasants.

If the reserve land cannot be turned over to a producers' cooperative immediately, it may be leased temporarily to individuals or groups, except the original owner. In such cases the annual rent per cadastral yoke is as follows:

<u>Net Income per Cadastral Yoke</u> <u>(in gold crowns)</u>	<u>Rent per Cadastral Yoke</u> <u>(in wheat kilograms)</u>
0 - 6	120
7 - 10	140
11 - 14	160
14 and over	180

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The Council of Ministers requires the local councils to convert suitable reserve lands into fruit orchards or vegetable gardens. The Council of Ministers also favors giving plots to workers for vegetable gardens.

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